

15 FAM 800 FIRE PROTECTION/INCIDENT REPORTING ABROAD

15 FAM 810 SCOPE, AUTHORITY, AND GENERAL POLICIES

*(CT:OBO-1; 04-29-2005)
(Office of Origin: OBO)*

15 FAM 811 SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

15 FAM 811.1 Scope

*(CT:OBO-1; 04-29-2005)
(Uniform State/USAID/Commerce/Agriculture/DIA)*

This subchapter sets the fire protection and incident reporting regulations that apply to U.S. Government real property abroad. Detailed requirements are provided in 15 FAM 850. Direct questions or comments on these regulations to the Fire Protection Division in the Operations and Maintenance Office of the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO/OM/FIR).

15 FAM 811.2 Authorities

*(CT:OBO-1; 04-29-2005)
(Uniform State/USAID/Commerce/Agriculture/DIA)*

Authorities are found under:

- (1) Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-596) (the Act);
- (2) Executive Order 12196, Occupational Safety and Health Programs for Federal Employees;
- (3) Basic Program Elements for Federal Employee Occupational Safety and Health Programs (29 CFR 1960); and

- (4) Occupational Safety and Health Standards (29 CFR Parts 1910 and 1926).

15 FAM 812 FIRE PROTECTION POLICIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

15 FAM 812.1 Fire Emergency Action Plan

(CT:OBO-1; 04-29-2005)

(Uniform State/USAID/Commerce/Agriculture/DIA)

Posts must complete 12 FAH-1 H-1300 (Fire) of the emergency action plan as directed in 12 FAH-1 for all occupied office buildings (see 15 FAM 830). This plan will contain guidance for all personnel on appropriate actions in a fire emergency. Posts must conduct at least one annual fire evacuation drill (see 12 FAH-1 H-060, Drills). During this drill, all personnel must evacuate the facility. Post management must also evaluate the plan's effectiveness and implement actions to improve performance whenever necessary.

15 FAM 812.2 Fire Inspections

(CT:OBO-1; 04-29-2005)

(Uniform State/USAID/Commerce/Agriculture/DIA)

- a. The Fire Protection Division in the Operations and Maintenance Office of the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO/OM/FIR) performs periodic fire and life safety inspections at posts abroad. These inspections will supplement post's fire emergency plan and procedures by:
 - (1) Thoroughly inspecting post's buildings for fire safety deficiencies, hazards, and maintenance items;
 - (2) Training post personnel on fire evacuation and extinguishing practices; and
 - (3) Reviewing post's maintenance, inspection, and emergency procedures.
- b. OBO/OM/FIR will also evaluate the adequacy of exits and appropriateness of locking devices during fire and life safety inspections, and submit recommendations to post management for corrective action as necessary.
- c. Post management must periodically, at least annually, survey fire protection and exit systems to ensure they operate and function as installed. Management officers, USAID executive officers, general services officers, facility managers, regional security officers, supporting

engineering service officers and engineering service centers must work to correct discrepancies on a priority basis. Address any technical or operational fire protection issues to OBO/OM/FIR or security issues to the Security Management Division's Operations Branch in the Project Execution Office of the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO/PE/SM/OPB).

15 FAM 812.3 Integrity of Fire Protection Features

(CT:OBO-1; 04-29-2005)

(Uniform State/USAID/Commerce/Agriculture/DIA)

- a. Buildings are provided with a number of features to maintain a level of fire safety for occupants. Such features include but are not limited to exits, corridors, fire alarms, sprinklers, and other installed systems. Do not impair, alter, or remove any of these features without the consent of the post occupational safety and health officer (POSHO). Notify building staff when any such feature is affected and put an alternative plan in place.
- b. To ensure that adequate exiting requirements are met, the proponent of any new acquisition, new construction project, reconfiguration or change of use of an existing building or portion thereof must submit design plans, in advance, to the Design and Engineering Division in the Project Execution Office of the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO/PE/DE) for review and approval.

15 FAM 812.4 Fire Protection Equipment

(CT:OBO-1; 04-29-2005)

(Uniform State/USAID/Commerce/Agriculture/DIA)

- a. The Fire Protection Division in the Operations and Maintenance Office of the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO/OM/FIR) will perform periodic fire and life safety inspections at posts abroad. In order to comply with the recommendations in the report, posts must request the recommended fire safety equipment from OBO/OM/FIR and install it in appropriate locations. (See guidelines in 15 FAM 840 and in 15 FAM Exhibit 842, Fire Extinguisher Type and Placement.) OBO/OM/FIR will provide smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, and other equipment for use in all residences, including those under a living quarters allowance (LQA), regardless of the agency that occupies the residence. OBO will provide fire extinguishers for U.S. Government-owned/long-term leased (GO/LTL) and Department of State occupied office or functional space upon request. OBO/OM/FIR will assist procuring, but not funding, this equipment for other agencies that do not occupy Department of State offices. Post will be responsible for maintenance and repair of fire safety

equipment.

- b. Post must prepare property management records for all OBO-supplied fire extinguishers using the nonexpendable property application (NEPA) system. Post must account for all stock residential smoke alarms, replacement cartridges, and extinguishing powder under the Stock Control (SC) or the Expendable Supplies Application (AESOP) systems consistent with 6 FAM 220.

15 FAM 813 THROUGH 819 UNASSIGNED